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BILL DOOLEY'S LETTER.

Kind readers, I am again on my own side of Little Sequachee River. I was caught on the opposite side from the News office week before last and consequently did not get my letter to the office until Tuesday, and the editor said he did not know if he would have space to publish it that week or not. As he didn't publish my article it cannot be charged that I broke my promise for I wrote it and took it to the office and it would have been there sooner if it had not been for the high waters.

Our minds were set at ease to some extent when we heard that W. J. Bryan had sailed for Europe, thinking our eyes would get a rest, and his absence did do some good in the way of a rest to our eyes, but this morning the first thing we saw on picking up a paper was his name and the next was that he objected to holding the Democratic National Convention in New York or any where else in the enemy's country. He says he enjoyed his trip highly, was enthusiastically received in Europe by the Czar, the Pope, King Edward, President Loubet, Tolstoy, and the Prince of Denmark. He talks as if they put their arms around him and called him their dear cousin. Well, if he can make men think that they care that much for him I would like to see him, and if this be really true he had better go back and stay there. I don't like to have anything to say in the columns of the News about political affairs knowing as I do that the News is a non-partisan paper, but still as I don't intend to give anything but stubborn facts I guess it will be all right.

Bryan is a sharp man, but sometimes he tries to make men believe things that are unreasonable, like Henry Waterson of the Courier Journal.

Editor Waterson must have been using some of Bill Dooley's Liniment, or more likely he had been using something of a deceiver and glass. It sometimes makes a man's head one-sided to hear such things especially when he says the republican party has lived partly on contributions levied upon the manufacturers and partly through the folly of the democrats, but even at this rate it must long ago have perished except for the negro vote. If editor Waterson will take facts and figures from the census of 1900 in all probability when he gets his head leveled up he will see by looking at the census impartially that he has made a wonderful mistake in his assertions. Any man who is familiar with the history of the country from 1800 up to 1904 knows that men are doing better than they have for the last 40 years.

Now Editor Waterson, we will fight you a while with facts that cannot be denied, and we propose to refute your statement with the figures of Tackett. In the presidential election in 1900 the democrats carried 17 states and the republicans carried 28. The 17 states that the democrats carried contain a population of 25,216,640 according to the census of 1900, a little less than a third of the total population of the United States. These 17 states contain a colored population of 7,642,087, therefore of the 17 states carried by the democrats in 1900 more than 30 per cent of the population is colored.

The 28 states carried by the republicans have a population of 49,384,785 according to the census of 1900, of which 1,045,163 are colored or a little more than 2 per cent. This means that in the democratic states out of every 100 persons more than 30 are colored, while in the republican states out of every 100 persons a little more than two are colored. A study of the official census report of 1900 will show that there are almost as many negroes in the state of Georgia as there are in the 28 republican states.

In the 17 states carried by the democrats there were 1,608,881 colored voters lacking only a few votes to average 100,000 colored voters in every single state the democrats carried in 1900. There were nearly 100,000 more colored voters in Georgia and Mississippi than there were in the 28 republican states. The democrats did not carry a single state that had as many colored voters as the state of Kentucky. The republican plurality in each of the twenty-eight states exceeded the number of republican voters except in Delaware and Maryland. So it is absolutely certain that the republicans carried 38 states without the negro vote. No one will say that all the negroes in those states voted the republican ticket. They have their colored democratic clubs and orators in many places. If one half the negroes in the south had voted the republican ticket in 1900 the democrats would have lost the states of Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina even if there had not been a white republican in those states. The official census of 1900 also shows that the 17 democratic states with about one third of the United States population contain about 65 per cent of its illiterates, that there are 11 states with more than \$100,000 illiterates each and 9 of them were carried by the democrats. The other two states, New York and Pennsylvania, are accounted for by their large population which is more than half that of the 17 democratic states. Now brother Waterson, you may fool some man by feeding them on soft corn but any man who has tried to keep with the times will see that the republicans have to carry the negro on his crippled hip until the democrats get ready to use him and as soon as he has voted you throw him back to the republicans until they want him again and, to say the least, if the democrats had to start into a campaign without the expectation of any help from the negro it would be about as discouraging as it would be for a man to start upon hunting on a dark night without a dog to do his trailing.

While the negro remains to be made a political tool, of any and all will use him who happen to have him in their possession when they need such a tool to this end. I close by wishing the News and its readers a long and happy life.

Yours truly,
BILL DOOLEY.

CONCORD, ALA.

Special to the News.

'Possum hunting is the order of the day.

B. L. Hill made a business trip to Chattanooga Tuesday.

J. E. and T. T. Troxwell were the guests of their mother, Mrs. Jacob Troxwell, Sunday.

Miss Belle Loving has been very ill for the past week. Guess she sat in the dentist's chair too long.

Miss Bettie Horn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Glascock, of Bridgeport, this week.

We read in Hot Summer's correspondence last week that "if a woman gets angry she adds a new wrinkle to her face. This is a nice provision of nature to let the world know what kind of a husband a woman has." On the other hand it is not a good way of knowing what kind of a wife a man has for there are always so many wrinkles on a man's face that you would never notice a new one.

Hurt Alley was tracked in the snow Sunday before last to the home of D. F. Loving and on his arrival he found Uncle Dick Farris and Mrs. Fannie Loving in the parlor dressed in beautiful attire of jeans and calico. Call again, Mr. Hurt.

Little Flossie Loving has been sick the past week with a severe cold.

Ask Marie O'Neal if she wants to see that Bridgeport fellow very much.

A certain fellow called on his best girl Tuesday night and to his regret he had to chat with the old folks while his girl sat in the parlor with her city beau. It seems as though "city boys" can sit in the parlor where the country boys can't sit on the kitchen doorstep.

J. M. Williams who is working at Needmore, visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

J. H. Loving, of Deftford visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Loving leaves for her future home at Tracy City Thursday.

John Wilson and Geo. Troxwell, of Stephenson, visited relatives in Bridgeport Saturday.

Raindrop.

GAGE, TENN.

Special to the News.

D. D. Boyd's baby died last week and was buried at the Gage cemetery. It was sick only a short time.

James Simpson's baby died Thursday and was buried Friday at this place.

Miss Alice Lockhart visited at Gage one day last week.

Geo. C. Tate, of Tarlton, was out here last week and spent a day or so at J. H. H. Boyd's.

R. C. Camp, of Gage, visited at Mr. Smith's one night last week.

Uncle Mac Lockhart passed through here yesterday from Beersheba Springs going to Uncle Bob Lockhart.

Alex Brewer was over from the stove mill and sold our mail carrier, Frank Johnson, his horse.

Newt Smith was very sick yesterday but is better now.

January was a very cold month and the ground was frozen nearly all the time.

John Melton is over from Dunlap coal mines.

We are glad to know Marion county is getting interested in good roads. We do hope all the surrounding counties will follow its example.

J. H. H. Boyd got his duplicates Saturday and is ready for business.

Floyd Savage, of Beersheba Springs, was at Gage Monday.

Clove Walker was over from Lan's Chapel Sunday.

J. R. Boyd and D. D. Boyd have gone to Tarlton today.

Wm. Lockhart was over Monday after a load of bushes.

J. W. Denton has returned from Tarlton and gone to Gage. Sambo.

CEDAR SPRING.

Special to the News.

School which closed two weeks ago at New Hope on account of the measles, opened again this morning.

Mr. Newton Hackworth and wife visited Mr. Harmon and family of Dunlap from Saturday until Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Pickett, of Delphi, died Saturday evening she leaves a husband and three children to mourn her death.

Ed Deakins, of Delphi spent Sunday night with Mr. Burrell Condra.

Three of Mr. J. C. Howard's children have the measles.

We are glad that M. E. G. thinks she knows the difference between republicanism and democracy. If I thought even half as much of our good president as she does I would have his picture enlarged and put up on the fireboard.

We democrats like drinks as clear as water. We don't like republican wine, it's for colored folks.

Miss Lou Hicks visited Mrs. Maggie Howard Monday night.

Those who have not had the measles are afraid to go anywhere.

We would enjoy reading another letter from Uncle Joe.

Moon-eyes.

OAKWOOD.

Special to the News.

Although Sweet Marie stated that the song lifted the roof off of Oakwood when we passed there a few days ago the old house was still standing ready for more singing.

Henry Witt is still running a hack from Walden to Hill City.

E. P. Underwood wants a bottle of Bill Dooley's Liniment. He says he has some buff cochins that he can't stop out of the house but what they fly all over him. They are in the meal barrel, and on the table and everywhere.

Jim Hixon says he wishes his neighbors would take the Old Reliable. He says they are there Saturday from mail time till dark to borrow the paper he never tires of reading.

Robt. Guess and Miss Maggie Levi were out in their rubber tire Sunday.

A certain young man of Fairmount wants to know if Bill Dooley has any medicine to remove freckles.

George Levi was lost the other day and his father found him in a pair of leggings up to his eyes.

Jim Guess watches the postoffice.

Miss Mandy Underwood smiles when you mention Mr. Clinton.

Taylor Guess has been spending a few days in Sequachee Valley visiting friends and relatives.

Tilton Hoosier hitched his horse at Mr. Woodhead's gate Sunday. Wonder if he saw Miss Jennie.

Prof. Shannon visited our Sunday school Sunday.

Two old republicans of this place say they would like a glass of M. E. G.'s wine before they go to cast their vote for Mr. Teddy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Guess spent Sunday at Thill Nixon's.

Ye writer called on his best girl Sunday and found her sweet as ever.

Tom Lusk passed through here the other day with a dozen eggs. He says he can get two packages of Arbuckle for one dozen of eggs now, and in Cleveland times you couldn't get one package for a dozen of eggs.

We had two excellent sermons here Sunday of last week, one by Rev. Morgan and the other by Rev. Coffelt.

It snowed out here last week to beat the band. Bill Dooley's Chum.

MONTEAGLE.

Special to the News.

We are having lots of snow and mud and cold weather continues to hang on.

Mrs. R. M. Payne who has been quite sick is better.

W. H. Richmond is able to be out.

Mrs. J. D. Smith is improving.

Mrs. Sampley is better.

Work will commence soon on the pike.

Rev. B. F. Falland has been spending a few days with his family here.

Mr. Lenahan is contemplating building a business house soon.

Mrs. Williams is still very sick.

Miss Emma Wilkins, of Duck Hill, Miss., who has been here to see her sister, Mrs. Williams, has returned home with four of the children to keep while their mother is sick.

Rev. Blackwell is improving slowly.

T. C. Stanley and granddaughter from Manzanola, Colo., are visiting friends here. They expect to leave for home Tuesday. We were very glad to have them with us again.

Isaac McCoy, of Montana is here visiting relatives after an absence of 28 years.

A very hard shower of rain fell here Sunday accompanied by a violent wind.

Miss Julia Holcomb left for Texas Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holcomb, have gone to Texas to visit their son.

Candidates are getting numerous and will soon be numberless if they don't quit popping up. Lookout, boys, someone is going to be left out. Rex.

KELLY'S FERRY.

Special to the News.

Silas Anderson was the guest of his parents Sunday.

James Foster and J. W. Brown went to Chattanooga Monday.

Will Newsome and Mrs. Kate Sigles, of Decatur, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Eichey Sunday.

J. C. Bible called at the postoffice Monday.

Miss Ellen Anderson was the guest of her uncle, Mr. H. Anderson, last week.

I. Newsome and grandson went to Chattanooga Monday.

Mrs. Thany Ellis is recovering from a long spell of sickness.

Miss Jennie Browning is very sick.

Mrs. Nancy Hicks is visiting on Elms this week.

W. M. McNabb lost a pocket book with \$50 dollars in it while on his way to Jasper Monday. We hope he will succeed in finding it.

I. Newsome returned home Monday from a three days hunt and said he is going again as soon as the weather clears.

Hill.

THE ROANE COUNTY BONDS.

The Rockwood Times Out in Meeting Concerning the Road Bonds.

The following from the Rockwood, Tenn., Times is sent us with a request for publication.

"We have spent in this county more than \$200,000 in building less than 35 miles of pike; now we are promised 101 miles for \$150,000; this proposition is simply absurd and preposterous. It might possibly pay for the engineering of the right of way and the different committees and plow up the roads, but there it would stop; then we would be asked for another \$150,000 to put down the macadam, and by that time the roads would have to be replowed and graded, another set of engineers employed and perhaps another set of committees to be paid, which would necessitate a third issue, making in all about \$450,000. A proposition to build 101 miles of pike with \$150,000 is a fraud upon the face of it and no half sane man believes it can be done; it is simply thrown in as a vote catcher, but the people and tax payers of this county are more in a state of rebellion when bonds are mentioned. We say they will not carry."

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

S. S. Kittrell Hangs Himself at Monteagle While Mentally Unbalanced.

Monteagle, Tenn., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Our town was shocked yesterday by the announcement that a man had hanged himself. On investigation it was proved to be true, and S. S. Kittrell the party. He came here a short time ago and recently married a Mrs. Nancy Shuttles. He acted some times like his mind was unbalanced, threatening to kill himself. His wife became afraid of him and left home the night he committed the deed. One of his brothers were found in White county and came in time for the funeral. He is said to have belonged to a good family. His mother died while he was quite small, and he has wandered around the most of his life. He was about 28 years old. He was buried here.

LOONEYS' CREEK.

Special to the News.

Mrs. Tygart spent the evening with Mrs. Joe Teague Sunday.

Miss Ellen Anderson visited her sister Mrs. Geo. Deakins last week.

Miss Callie Hudson visited at Whitwell last Friday.

Joe Teague is visiting friends and relatives in Bradley county.

H. L. Deakins went to Whitwell Saturday.

Misses Corrine, Claytie and Bertha Teague visited their grandfather, D. R. Deakins, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Florence Barber visited Mrs. Joe Teague Monday.

James Tygart started to Mr. Teague's and found himself at Mr. —'s up the road.

J. W. and Fred Raulston made a business trip to Sequachee Friday.

Miss Georgia Raulston is taking advantage of Leap Year.

Miss Ethel Condra, daughter of J. S. Condra, died Sunday and was buried Monday at the Teague graveyard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Duke, of Whitwell, were out horseback riding Sunday.

Mr. Luther Grant visited home folks Sunday and came back with a grin on his face as big as a saw-mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cowan, of Dunlap, were at the burial Monday. U. No.

NEEDMORE.

Special to the News.

Plenty of snow and no wood is the order of the day.

Miss Ethel Condra is very low, measles and fever.

Mr. and Joe Deafar spent Saturday and Sunday with F. M. Powell.

Joe Duke, of Whitwell, spent Sunday at France Powell's.

If you want any drug of any kind call on J. C. Powell.

J. D. Dempsey called on Brit Thomas one day last week much to the delight of a certain girl.

Wash Barber visited at Brit Thomas' Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Powell visited at W. H. Powell's Sunday.

Uncle Hill Smith and son and Jim Turner visited J. C. Powell Sunday.

Maynard Powell visited at Pleasure Gap Sunday.

Long remember and never forget that the News has many friends in Tennessee yet. Hustler.

NOTICE.

To the Republicans of Marion County: A mass convention is hereby called to meet at the courthouse in Jasper, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Secretary of the County Executive Committee, and also to determine the mode of selecting candidates for the county offices, and to tend to such other business as may come properly before the convention.

J. J. DYKES,
Chairman Ex. Com.

Jan. 26, 1904.

Read the News. Only 50c a year.

'POSSOM HOLLOW, TEX.

Special to the News.

'Possum and "laters" is the order of the day.

As we haven't seen anything from this part of Texas we will give you a dissertation upon it as best we can. It is situated 5 miles northeast of Mineral Wells and 18 miles north of Weatherford, and reaches up in the mountains on which is situated Stag Prairie. As to its soil it is from a sand rock to a hog wallow musqu Shore, and is adapted to most all the field crops. Most all kinds of varmints are in this hollow such as the wolf, polecat, opossum or jackrabbit. It is hard to tell which grows the rankest in 'Possum Hollow, Johnson grass or the pole cats.

Ye writer has to be very careful with his neighbors for if he offends any of them they just go up on the side of the mountain and begin to roll rocks down at the house and then I have to apologize.

Possum Hollow is sort of like the old lady from Arkansas said. If you will allow me I will tell you about it. She came out here and wrote back to a lady friend telling of all the good things here and later the old lady went back to Arkansas and met her friend and she said "and you have left that beautiful and good country, have you?" "Yes," said the old lady, "I just tell you they have more cows there and have less milk and butter, have more big meetings and less religion, more clouds and less rain than any country I ever saw."

We have some red wolves out here and as Miss Martha Deakins and Rinda and Lula Deakins were going to school the other day they saw one and skinned the timber as they went through the pasture. I'll describe it next time.

Mr. Sullivan and family, Prof. Neal and Mr. Sam Moore paid us a visit Sunday.

Health in the Hollow is very good with the exception of the mumps.

Long & Greasy.

CURTISVILLE.

Special to the News.

Well, we have been to Tracy City to quarterly meeting and heard some excellent sermons preached. We stayed all night with K. D. Curtis and took dinner with Rev. James Hart. I found plenty to eat every where I went. I did not ask Bro. Hart as he came out of the mines whether he was a wolf in sheep's clothing or a preacher in miner's clothing. Yes, the road was muddy. When I came back I found the old lady very sick. The fire welcomed me home.

Mrs. A. J. Curtis is a little better at this writing.

George Coppingers children are on the sick list.

We are singing the old song "Root hog or die". Everybody is sick out here.

The widow Lane we understand has moved to Thomas Burroughs', her brother.

Mr. Samuel, what do you think of a man who only goes part of the way with his girl to church when there is a storm brewing.

I have a notion I am in Florida until spring. You see I am out of wood, out of clothes, out of health, out of grub, out of tobacco and out of the valley, and as good as out of my head.

All ye correspondents come to see me and bring something good to eat. Say I ain't neighborly. Cachug.

Cold Wave.

THANS.

Special to the News.

James Thaxton and sister, Mrs. Hixon, were over last Sunday on a visit at Thans. We enjoyed their visit greatly and were glad to meet them.

Mrs. Smith of Thans, is somewhat improved this week. Hope she will soon be better.

Very sad to pen the death of Wm. Walker. He was brought to the old Stone graveyard for burial.

Lida Smith is now moving over to the Kell place near Chapel Hill. They say they will miss the store and post office being so close to them.

We were very glad to read St. John's letter as it has been a long time since I had the pleasure of reading one of his interesting letters. Write often, we enjoy reading your letters so much.

Would like to hear from Albion View again. We like to read the correspondents' letters so well.

Mr. Rigby has moved over onto the James Henry farm. His health was bad, and he could not attend the mill. We were sorry to have him leave as he was such a good miller and kind neighbor.

There have been a good many mornings this week. Mr. Kell moved to Chattanooga and W. L. Smith moved to Mr. Rigby's. They all moved this week and moving has been the order of the day.

News is very scarce, and hard to get. M. E. G.

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FAIRMOUNT.

Special to the News.

The order of the day is building chicken wire fences and the next thing is rooster fights.

I had an old Thomas cat that was bad to jump on the table so I tried Mr. Dooley's liniment and it worked to perfection.

Rufe Lusk and Geo. Smith have some bounds which are bad to jump on the table. I recommended them to use Dooley's liniment which they said they would at the earliest possible moment.

Frank Brown is living in his new house now.

Thursday morning, Jan. 28 there was a small fire in Fairmount. Mr. Shackelford's barn was burned and, in it, one of his best cows. Frank Brown, who lives near, was the first to see the fire but was too late to save anything. The loss is said to be about \$400.

Miss Allie Brown has returned home.

The box supper was quite a success for the boys were their best girls.

John Belmer was much disappointed because some girl didn't take him to the box supper.

Sweet Marie was at the box supper wearing his five-inch collar low-neck shoes and striped socks and surprised everyone by buying a box.

An exchange has found out when Adam was married. Of course it was on his wedding Eve—most everybody knew that before.

The young men here are wearing collars so high that they have to stand on tip-toe to see anything at all.

Well, I have been studying about how bashful I am for the past few days until I don't know which one of the boys I am. You will know why by the time I am through with my sad little tale.

I was standing before the looking-glass admiring myself, and saw before me a stately looking young man with blue eyes, light hair and a fair skin, which had been in the habit of becoming crimson at the sight of a girl.

While thus meditating I glanced out the window and saw four girls coming straight to the house as a sheep goes to slaughter. Great Scott! what was I to do? Nobody in the room but me, and must I meet all those girls? Law, no!

Then I took a parting glance at the friendly old looking-glass and saw a young man measuring six and one half feet in length going at a fearful rate of speed for the back door, but it was locked and my only hope was in going up the back stairs.